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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN MFN ASSURANCES AND U.S. DRAFT TRADE
AGREEMENT

REF: BUDAPEST 0377 AND 0380

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. WE ARE PLEASED BY THE REPORT (REFTELS) OF YOUR SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NAGY AND LOOK FORWARD TO RESULT OF HIS CONSULTATIONS WITH
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HIGHER AUTHORITIES.

2. IN LIGHT OF YOUR NEGOTIATION ON JANUARY 25 AND NAGY'S POSITIVE REACTION, YOU WILL BE AUTHORIZED BY SEPTTEL TO TURN OVER TO GOH COPY OF US PROPOSAL FOR A TRADE AGREEMENT. THE SEPTTEL WILL ALSO DESCRIBE THREE CHANGES WHICH MUST BE MADE IN THE DRAFT POUCH TO

LINTON ON JANUARY 6 BEFORE GIVING IT TO GOH. QUESTION
OF STARTING DATE FOR NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE TREATED IN
SAME SEPTEL.

3. ONE POINT OF FINE-TUNING WE BELIEVE SHOULD BE MADE
IN THE ASSURANCES LANGUAGE AT THE APPROPRIATE MOMENT

IS TO SUBSTITUTE WORD "COUNTRIES" FOR "PARTIES" TO MAKE
TEXT LESS FORMAL AND MORE SUITED FOR AN EXCHANGE OF LET-
TERS WHICH ALSO WILL DEAL WITH OTHER SUBJECTS. HOWEVER,
IF "BOTH PARTIES" FORMULATION GIVES NAGY NO RPT NO
PROBLEMS IN DRAFTING REMAINDER OF LETTER, WE ARE PREPARED
TO KEEP IT AS IT NOW STANDS. VANCE

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